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FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Greet 1975 March of Dimes Poster Child
Group The March of Dimes National Foundation
DATE/TIME Wednesday, December 11, 1974 3:00 p.m. (Tour, 2:15)
Contact Mr. George Voss (914) 428-7100 Phone _____
Number of guests: Total 5 Women _____ Men _____ Children 1 (age 8)
Place MapRoom
Principals involved Mrs. Ford
Participation by Principal Greet & Photos (Receiving line)
Remarks required No
Background The request that Mrs. Ford meet the 1975 March of Dimes Poster Child was made by Beverly Sills, their National Chairman of the March of Dimes Mothers March on Birth Defects. The Poster Child, age ^{REQUIREMENTS}8, was born without eyes.

Social: Guest list _____
Invitations _____ Programs _____ Menus _____
Refreshments Yes (Coffee, tea, cakes) (Coke for the little girl)
Entertainment _____
Decorations/flowers Yes, normal for MapRoom
Music _____
Social Aides _____
Dress _____ Coat check _____
Other Tour officer for 2:15 tour.

Press: Reporters Yes
Photographers Yes
TV Crews Yes
White House Photographers Yes Color _____ Mono. _____
Other _____

Technical Support: Microphones _____ PA Other Rooms _____
Recording _____
Lights _____
Transportation By cab
Parking _____
Housing _____
Other _____ (Risers, stage, platforms) _____

Project Co-ordinator Susan Porter Phone x2850

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

Note: The little girl does not have eyes.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Greet 1975 March of Dimes Poster Child

DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 1974

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Map Room

GUESTS: -Miss Jamie Weaver, age 9
1975 March of Dimes Poster Child
-Mrs. Brenda Weaver
Jamie's mother; Spokane, Washington
-Mr. Joseph Nee
President, The National Foundation, March of Dimes
-Mr. Everett Thorner
Staff person who travels with poster child

SEQUENCE:

3:00 p.m. When the press are in the Map Room and all is ready, Susan Porter will give you a call.

Your guests will be in the hall outside the Map Room where Susan will introduce you to them. Then you and Jamie's mother can take Jamie (who does not see) by the hand and proceed into the Map Room to introduce Jamie, her mother, and Mr. Nee to the press.

At the conclusion of the photographs, at your invitation to your guests to have a cup of coffee, the press will leave giving you an opportunity for a brief visit.

At the conclusion, return to family quarters.

NOTE:

- Open press coverage and White House photographer.
- "Betty Ford" pens will be available; photos will be sent afterwards.
- Your guests will have had a special tour of the White House before meeting with you because of the Diplomatic Children's Party.
- Your next appointment is at 4:30, the Diplomatic Children's Party.

BACKGROUND ON POSTER CHILD:

Jamie Weaver, age 9, from Spokane, Washington, is a peppy, freckled, redhead who was born without eyes, a rare birth defect known as congenital anophthalmos. She wears artificial plastic eyes and will have cosmetic surgery on her eye sockets when she is twelve.

Her blindness, however, does not restrict her. She takes skiing and swimming and piano and horsebackriding lessons; she sings in the church choir and writes poetry on her Braille typewriter. She likes school and is a good student in the 3rd grade in public school where she attends both regular and special classes. She does all of her school work on the Braille typewriter. Music and art are her favorite subjects, and she would like to be a teacher.

The March of Dimes press release about Jamie says: "A bright child, Jamie is always asking questions. Her vocabulary is sprinkled with words such as 'contrary, tendency, and caravan.' She even can explain the workings of a generator and has the function of a windmill down pat."!

For the past two years Jamie has been the Spokane County March of Dimes Poster Child, and Jamie's mother has been a Mothers March volunteer for the March of Dimes for four years.

Jamie comes from a very close and loving family. Her mother, 27, is a beautician, working part time; she is also an astrology buff. Her father, 29, has been a brakeman on the Burlington Northern Railroad for the past nine years and is a member of the United Transportation Union. Jamie's brother Chad is 7.

BACKGROUND ON THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION MARCH OF DIMES:

With the conquest of polio, the March of Dimes shifted its focus to the fight against the United States' No. 1 child health problem: birth defects. More than 200,000 American babies are born with some type of defect, mental or physical, each year. This is one in 14, or about 600 babies a day--about 7% of all live births. Of those born alive, more than 60,000 die each year as a direct result of birth defects. There are over 15 million Americans alive today who are affected by birth defects. Millions more are affected indirectly as family members and fellow citizens.

The long-range goal is to prevent birth defects, premature birth, and low birthweight. The critical time is from conception to birth; this is when birth defects happen or do not happen.

The National Foundation's research program has three main branches: basic research, clinical research, and "starter" grants for young scientists. All have as a common goal the purpose of evolving effective treatment and the prevention of birth defects.

In addition to extensive research (the March of Dimes fight against polio and the development of the Salk Vaccine at the Salk Institute are testimony to the intent and success of its earlier focus on the conquest of polio) the National Foundation March of Dimes has been a leader in the prevention and treatment of birth defects. To attain its goal of preventing, curing, or limiting the damage caused by birth defects, the Foundation is constantly exploring new and more effective ways of informing the public about the impact of birth defects and how to benefit from new discoveries about the No. 1 child health problem in our nation today.

Beverly Sills is National Chairman of the March of Dimes Mothers March on Birth Defects.

susan porter
December 10, 1974



FROM:
Public Relations
The National Foundation-March of Dimes
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White Plains, New York 10605

CONTACT: Everett Thorner
Shoreham Americana
(202) 234-0700

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 11 -- Mrs. Gerald R. Ford will be hostess today at the White House to the 1975 March of Dimes National Poster Child. She is Jamie Weaver, 9, from Spokane, Washington, who was born without eyes.

Jamie will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James (Brenda) Weaver, and Joseph F. Nee, president of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

The White House visit, at 3 p.m., will be a highlight of her tour for the voluntary health organization. She will travel throughout the country next month on behalf of the appeal for prevention of birth defects. Her picture appears on posters reading, "Birth Defects are forever. Unless you help."

Each year over 200,000 children in the United States are born with physical or mental damage. Through research, medical service programs, and health education the March of Dimes leads a continuous fight toward preventing and treating birth defects.

Jamie, who wears blue-green plastic eyes, is the victim of a rare birth defect known as congenital anophthalmos. Despite this handicap, she is an active, lively little girl who enjoys swimming, piano, skiing, and horseback riding. She also enjoys singing in her church choir, writing poetry on her Braille typewriter, and listening to music by John Denver, Helen Reddy, and Tony Orlando and Dawn.

A bright third-grader, Jamie wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Mrs. Weaver is a beautician and Mr. Weaver works for the Burlington Northern Railroad.

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B A C K G R O U N D E R

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THE 1975 MARCH OF DIMES NATIONAL POSTER CHILD
Jamie Weaver, 9, Spokane, Wash. (Born Blind)

BACKGROUND

JAMIE GAY WEAVER, 9, (Born 11/22/65 in Wenatchee, Washington)

Parents: Brenda and James H. Weaver
N. 14520 Gleneden Street (Mead)
Spokane, Washington 99218
(509) 487-7917

Other Children in Family:
Chad Michael, 7, (born 11/9/67 - Normal brother)

Case History:
Jamie was born blind. She was born without eye balls. The medical term for the birth defect which caused her blindness is congenital anophthalmos.

Jamie had conformers in her eyes from 4 months to 2 years. She received her first pair of artificial plastic eyes when she was 2 years old. She is now on her second pair of artificial eyes (for past 3 years). Jamie has learned to put them in her eye sockets and clean them every morning in a salt water solution.

Opthamologist:
Dr. Art Jones

Erickson Optical Company
Spokane, Washington
Marsha Erickson Guibor, ocularist (eye-maker), makes her artificial blue-green eyes. (cost \$500 - Insurance pays 80 %)

Jamie will have cosmetic surgery to make her eye sockets nicer when she is 12 years old. Mother remarked that Jamie was very fortunate that she was born with lids and eye lashes which may not occur with this type of birth defect. Her general health is excellent although she has had bladder infections (mother carries medicine for this).

She has had all the childhood diseases (except mumps) and has been bothered from time to time with eczema.

Jamie is enthusiastic, peppy, freckled, redheaded, blind 8 year old with competitive spirit and she is highly motivated. Jamie, of course, is visibly handicapped and regards blindness as a challenge. She is over 4' tall and weighs 58 lbs. (dress size 8). She claps her hands in glee but also has a tendency to keep chin on her chest while waiting. She likes to be kept busy (games when riding in a car, etc.). Diction is excellent and voice is clear as a bell.

She has a good vocabulary -- in describing a wooden fort that her brother made with his friend Jeff, a second grader -- Jamie said that it "collapsed." When asked what this word meant, she replied -- "fall down".

Her parents let Jamie experience many activities and let her choose what she likes. Jamie takes piano lessons (favorite piece, "Palace Gardens"), snow skis, ice skates, swims (back dives), climbs monkey bars and ropes, sews on a toy machine, and sings in her church choir. She also bakes cakes and cookies and her sharpened sense of hearing can tell when her dad, "The

Cookie Monster", raids the cookie jar. Her dad's nickname for her is "Miss Priss" or "Suzy Q." She likes to paint (trees) -- color is the hardest to teach to the blind. (Has a set of felt pens, Mr. Sketch, and can tell color by scent. ie. black is locorice, red is cherry, etc.) Also takes horseback riding lessons on mare "Susan." Has had 9 lessons and rides without a saddle. Riding instructor is Bev Rees at the Lazy J. Ranch.

She loves to "watch" TV. Favorite television programs are; The Flintstones, Partridge Family, The Brady Bunch, Walt Disney Presents, What's My line, To Tell The Truth, Zoom, and Sesame Street.

Jamie has a special phonograph and her favorite songs are: Tie a Yellow Ribbon, Who's in the Strawberry Patch with Sally, Delta Dawn, Sunshine on My Shoulders, Dusty Roads and Follow Me. Favorite singers are John Denver (she met him) and Helen Reddy.

Jamie is left handed. This has caused some problems for her mother trying to teach Jamie how to crochet, knit, and use weaving loom.

Jamie still plays with Barbie dolls and likes games like Tic Tac Toe (she has game with wooden blocks) and Password. She loves Halloween and likes to carry things and dress up as a witch. She likes camping with her family in a tent (in Washington State Parks.)

Food:

Breakfast: Orange Juice, toast, pancakes, hot chocolate.
Lunch: Receives a large variety of food in school (lunch 35¢) soup and sandwiches, and tuna fish. Ice cream sundaes.
Dinner: Anything. Meat (steak), mashed potatoes.

Jamie can sign her autograph in braille and also writes her maternal grandmother letters in braille (Jamie's mother puts in the translation). Her "boyfriend" is Kjell (a college student). Fights with her brother Chad but says the only winner is her mother. Loves to hear new jokes and giggles at punch line and has keen sense of humor and then can accurately repeat them later. She has a series of "Knock knock" jokes and her favorite joke of the moment is: What's the best thing to put in a pie? Answer: Your teeth.

Jamie composes poetry on her braille typewriter as a pastime: She wrote these two poems last year when she was Spokane County M.O.D. Poster Child:

Mothers March

On the day of the Mothers March
The Mothers march around
And when their feet go marching
They sometimes make a sound
So when you hear them coming
You can be ready for them
Open your door to donate
And invite the mothers in

March of Dimes

Birth Defects is very sad
Although it is not very bad.
And so I'm here to write a few lines
To tell you about the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes is a helping place
 To help you see with the eyes on your face.
 So get your Rubella shots now or soon
 To see the stars under the moon.

Jamie wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

Jamie started schooling on 2/11/71 at Bancroft School and is now in 3rd grade Special Education class where she is the only totally blind child in a program for 30 youngsters with vision handicaps.

Bancroft School (250 students)
 W. 1025 Spofford
 Spokane, Washington
 Tel: 455-5261

Mrs. Vern A. (Laveryne) Dubee - Resource teacher for the blind (325-9888)
 James R. Tomeo - Teachers aide (Indian)
 Connie Joley - Teacher (P.T.)
 Father Palmer's Volunteer Brailers
 Printing House for the Blind. (books)
 Jamie's bus driver - Mr. Williams (transports handicapped children)

Her school courses include reading, art, writing, math, PT and one extra class - Braille.

She takes all her classes with sighted children except Braille writing and special instruction. She listens to what the teachers say and then comes back to her Special Education room and does her work in Braille. She participated in school skits and plays with gusto. Jamie began preparing when she was 5 years old to live in an academic world of darkness. She came to Bancroft half days to get used to the physical lay-out of the school and to learn finger dexterity and coordination in readiness for learning Braille. She has a Braille typewriter and a special record player at home.

Jamie attends Sunday School and practices weekly with the church choir, "The Carolers". (This group sings in the church on every 3rd Sunday and holidays at 9 A.M.)

Messiah Lutheran Church (1400 members)
 N. 4202 Belt
 Spokane, Washington 99205
 Rev. Laurel V. Lindberg (327-9192)
 Mrs. Virginia Severson - Choirmaster and Jamie's piano teacher.

The church had all Jamie's Sunday School books transcribed into Braille so she can follow her classmates.
 Current Sunday School book: About God and His Ways.

One of the children in choir practice holds Jamie's hand and squeezes it when the choir master signals to stop singing. Jamie is the only redhead in the choir.

Her favorite church songs are:

"It's Love, Love, Love" and "Come on Down Zacchaeus."

The first time Jamie was allowed to play the Church organ -- she exclaimed -- "That sounded just like a rainbow." The pastor then used this phrase to form the entitled basis of his sermon, "I hear a rainbow."

Photos:

April 16 - 18

On monkey bars and at playground - Franklin Park
St. Bernard puppy (3 months old) - "Christopher"

Father:

Jim Henry Weaver, 29 (born 2/13/45 in Albuquerque, New Mexico)

Note: Jim's father was a professional baseball pitcher (St. Louis Cards) until he hurt his arm. His dad's uncle is Lon Warneke, former baseball great, and he now lives in Hot Springs, Ark.

Jim graduated from Shadle Park High School, Spokane in 1963.
(Baseball catcher and also played football in H.S.)

Attended Columbia Basin Jr. College in Pasco for 2 years on a working scholarship (baseball).

He has been employed as a brakeman on the Burlington Northern R.R. for past 9 years (out of town 3-4 days per week). Member of United Transportation Union UTU local #1076, Spokane, Wash.

Also a part time salesman for Brotherhood's Relief and Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa. (Shielding U.S. and Canadian R. R. men against "Payless Paydays" for over 50 years).

No military service. No clubs or organizations.

Jim's parents live near them in Spokane. His father, Hank Weaver, is a switch foreman for Burlington Northern R. R. His mother, Helen, is a part time secretary for Campbell's Soup.

He also has one married sister in Spokane; Mrs. Chuck (Cheryl) Thomas.

Brother Chad Michael, 7, (normal):

In first grade at Brentwood Elementary School. He wants to be a skier when he grows up.

Mother:

Brenda Winebarger Weaver, 27, (born 4/27/47 in Roseburg, Ore.)
Graduated from Pasco, Washington H.S. in '65 and was married 3 days later.
Housewife.

Attended Beauty Culture School for 11 months in 1970. Now a part time beautician (3 days a week, at Indian Trail Hair Shop (Men's and Women's) to help supplement family income.

Hobbies: golf, ski, swimming and astrology.

Mothers March Volunteer for past 4 years (Marcher, Lt. & Cap't.)

Brenda likes to eat ("pork it up all the time")

She has never travelled or been on a plane (neither has Jamie) before.
Jamie was named 1975 MOD National Poster Child on Oct. 1, 1974.

Her folks are divorced. Her dad, John Winebarger, a farmer in Pasco, has remarried. Her mother, Louise Winebarger, lives in Washougal, Wash. She has one sister and two brothers. Her

uncle, Leroy Hanna, is a Coca Cola Bottler in Roseburg, Oregon and is a past president of the Oregon Coca Cola Bottling Association.

Married 9 years (6/5/65 in Pasco Methodist Church).

Brenda was 18 and Jim was 20.

Recently (12/73) moved into their first newly built home (3 bedroom) in suburban Spokane (Gleneden Heights section of Mead).

Yes, she was scared all thru her second pregnancy (with Chad) that Jamie's birth defect would repeat. Their family is now complete with Jamie and Chad as her husband had a vasectomy.

Father's quote: "We have to give Jamie more time -- not attention."

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Photo release on file (dated 4/16/74).

Family was notified on April 26th that Jamie was selected '75 MOD National Poster Child. They were extremely pleased and mother remarked that next year will be the best year of her life.

5/24-TV film at Spokane - "Expo '74 World's Fair" with Dr. Walter J. Spangenberg - Spokane Co. Chapter Chairman.

6/18-TV film with Arnold Palmer, Hon. MOD National Chairman, at his Latrobe, Pa. Country Club.

8/4-9-Attended Seven Day Adventists Camp for Blind Children Sunset Lake Camp, Wilkeson, Wash.

10/1-11/12-Attended 11 Regional Program Orientation Meetings for leading MOD volunteers throughout the U.S.

12/1-14-Attended 3 Southern States Kickoff meetings plus a week in Wash. D.C. for pics with U.S. Congressman and Senators. Also visited with President Ford at the White House.

1/1/75-2/3-January Campaign Tour will cover 16 cities in 5 weeks.

All told, Jamie will travel over 60,000 miles and appear in over 50 cities during her years reign (10/1/74 - 9/30/75) as 1975 March of Dimes National Poster Child.

News Summary
Dec. 12



United Press International

WHAT HAPPENS when Santa Claus gets stuck in the chimney Christmas Eve? Why, they work him

Philadelphia Inquirer
12/12/74 Page 1

12/12/74



San Francisco Examiner 12/12/74 p. 1

What's so funny?





—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Poster Child

Mrs. Betty Ford enjoys a laugh with Jamie Gay, the 1975 March of Dimes Poster Child, during a

Betty Ford puts her head back and roars with laughter at joke told to her by nine-year-old Jamie Gay Weaver of Spokane, Wash., the 1975 March of Dimes Poster Child.

Jovial outburst

UPI PHOTO



Rocky Mountain News 12/12/74

DENVER POST
Thurs., Dec. 12, 1974



UPI Telephoto

PLEASANT COMPANY

Jamie Gay Weaver, 9, Spokane, Wash., draws laughter from first lady Betty Ford while visiting the White House Wednesday in role of the 1975

For immediate release
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1974

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Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Background information on Jamie attached.

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Item:

1 8"x10" BW photo of Betty Ford ~~of~~ with The 1975
March of Dimes Poster Child, Jamie Gay Weaver.
12/11/74

White House Photo:

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—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Betty Ford and Mickey Mouse welcome children at party.

Betty Fetes Children

WASHINGTON (UPI) — First Lady Betty Ford hosted the annual White House Christmas party for children with physical handicaps. The First Lady, who is the daughter of a rare birth defect, wears artificial plastic eyes and will undergo cosmetic surgery.

Houston Chronicle
12/12/74

PERSONAL MENTION



AP Wirephoto
First Lady BETTY FORD and MICKEY MOUSE welcome children at the White House



BETTY AND MICKY—First Lady Betty Ford and Mickey Mouse welcome the 500 children of diplomatic corps families who were invited

of the holiday season, and the White House kitchen had a hard time keeping up with the cookie and punch orders during the hour-long

Washington Star-News

Thursday, December 12, 1974

Section D ★

port

All the Kids (Betty, Too)

Loved the Show

By Isabelle Shelton
Star-News Staff Writer

*'Twas two weeks before Christmas,
and kids filled the house.*

*The First Lady was hostess with the
help of a mouse.*

got Mrs. Ford and all the children into his act in the East Room, with most of the children eventually shouting at the top of their lungs. The costumed clowns, members of the Almas Temple Shrine, delighted the youngsters by blowing up



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